की रिपोर्ट तैयार करने में शीघ्रता की जानी चाहिये ताकि राज्य सरकार कानून बना सके।

Modernising state police force

1309. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered proposal to provide assistance to the State Governments in modernising its police force with latest equipment and higher technology;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government is considering this proposal in respect of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether providing assistance to the State Government in improving police of the State which will greatly help in reducing deployment of central force in the State to maintain law and order;

(d) whether State had asked for additional financial assistance for modernising the police; and

(e) if so, the total amount asked for and provided by the Government during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (e) Under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments since 1969. This assistance does reduce, to an extent, the dependence of the State Governments on the Central Para-Military Forces.

Under the above Scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 309.56 lakhs was provided to Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 against their allocation of Rs. 209.56 lakhs. During the said year, the State Government had also asked for special assistance to tackle left wing extremism and terrorism. A sum of Rs. 5.00 crores has been released by the Central Government in this regard during the current year i.e. 1996-97.

Assistance to Bihar and Assam under the flood proofing programme

1310. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance given to the States of Assam and Bihar under the flood proofing programme during the last two years along with achievement made by these States; and

(b) the amount of assistance proposed to be given during the current year under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) An amount of Rs. 1.5 crore has been released to the Government of Bihar in March 1996 as advance for initiating flood proofing works in the State. The utilisation certificate for the above amount is awaited from the State Government. No amount has been released to the Govt. of Assam for flood proofing works. The flood proofing programme launched under central sector during Eighth Plan covers only North Bihar.

(b) a budget provision of Rs. 7.00 crore has been made for the above programme during 1996-97. However, the release of the above amount would be on a reimbursement basis after the State Government have furnished the utilisation certificate for the amount released in March 1986.

Creating of Additional Irrigation Potential in Bihar

1311. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for creation of additional irrigation potential in the State of Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the potential has so far been created in the States, district-wise; and

(c) whether the targets are likely to be